

Body Type HR for Hearses

New Policy

When a vehicle previously used as a hearse is changed/alterd to meet the definition of a station wagon, the applicant or owner may apply for and be issued auto plates.

NOTE: A hearse cannot be converted to a station wagon if it is still being used as a hearse.

Procedures

The applicant must complete a Statement of Facts (REG 256) stating the vehicle has been changed or altered to meet the definition of a “station wagon” as defined in *Vehicle Code* (VC) §585. See the examples and definition of a commercial vehicle in the *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual* §13.010.

Background

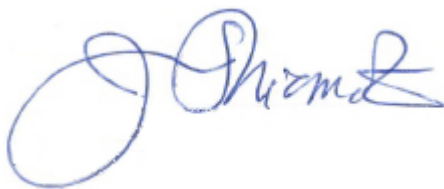
Vehicles meeting the definition of a “hearse” are currently being permitted to be registered as autos which allow these vehicles to be exempt from payment of commercial weight fees. VC §585 reads in part: a “station wagon” is a dual purpose vehicle designed for the transportation of persons and also designed in such a manner that the seats may be removed or folded out of the way for the purpose of increasing the property carrying space within the vehicle.

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